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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Committee Work at Headquarters.

Science Committee.

The Science Committee met on November 11th and elected Mr. H. S. Souttar chairman for the ensuing session. The committee had before it a memorandum on the difficulties which have arisen in the practical application of the scale of minimum salaries for non-professorial medical teachers, laboratory, and research workers adopted by the Representative Body in 1926. It was clear to the committee that some modification of the existing position was essential if the interests of such workers were to be adequately safeguarded in the future, and the committee is recommending the Council to take certain steps towards the solution of the problem in consultation with representatives of the bodies most closely concerned in the matter —namely, the medical schools. On the report of the Library Subcommittee the Science Committee decided to recommend to the Council the favourable reception of the suggestion referred to in last week's Current Notes for exploring the possibilities of effecting some measure of co-operation between London libraries for medical and scientific purposes. The committee also approved, for recommendation to the Council, the subcommittee's request for an increase in the Association's subscription to Lewis's Circulating Library with a view to meeting the increased demand now made by members upon the Association's library. It is worthy of note that in the past five years the annual circulation of volumes from the library has increased from 3,700 in 1922 to some 10,000 at the present time. The committee examined in detail and approved the scheme of the Joint Research Subcommittee for inquiries into the after-history of gastro-enterostomy and the treatment of varicose ulceration, details of which will be published in the Journal at an early date. A report was received from Dr. Reginald Miller and Dr. Maud Sanderson on the first year's working of the Paddington Green Children's Hospital Rheumatism Supervisory Centre, to which the Council made a grant of £100 last December. The committee expressed its warm appreciation of the progress recorded, and decided to recommend to the Council the grant of a further sum of £100 in aid of the investigations being carried out at the centre. The committee reappointed the Library, the Post-Graduate, the Scholarships and Grants, and the Research Subcommittees, and nominated also a special subcommittee to consider the position created by the general advertisement of ultra-violet light apparatus for supply to the lay public for self-treatment.

Committee on Scope of State and Hospital Medical Service.

The Representative Body at Edinburgh devoted some time to a discussion on the encroachment of various State and voluntary health services upon the sphere of private practice. As a result of this discussion the Council appointed a special committee, consisting of representatives of the Medico-Political, Public Health, and Hospitals Committees, to consider the matter in its various aspects. At its first meeting, on November 9th, this committee elected Dr. J. W. Bone chairman, and proceeded to explore the wide field covered by its reference. The committee began its investigations with the health services carried on by local authorities, and decided to make a comprehensive survey of these services with the assistance of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, both by seeking information from individual medical officers of health and by conducting personal investigations in certain typical areas. The question of the services offered to the public by voluntary and other hospitals will be considered at the next meeting.

Other Committees.

Other committees which met during the week were the Central Ethical Committee, the Charities Committee, and the Organization Committee. The Charities Committee decided upon the apportionment of the money at its disposal between the several medical benevolent funds, subject to the approval of the Council.

National Insurance: Change of Doctor.

From various communications that have been received by the Medical Secretary it appears that there is some confusion as to the origin of the amendment of the change of doctor regulation which came into operation on October 1st, 1927. Before then an insured person had a right of change of doctor at any time. Now, unless there is agreement on the part of the two doctors concerned, a change can only be effected fourteen days after notice has been given by the insured person.

The first suggestion as to limitation of the right to change at any time was made at the Consultative Council of Approved Societies, as was stated by Sir Walter Kinnear

in his speech to the Panel Conference reported in the SUPPLEMENT of October 30th, 1926 (p. 194). He said:

"The first suggestion before that body [the Consultative Council of Approved Societies] when it met was that he [Sir Walter Kinnear] should be asked to approach the profession with a request that the arrangement as regards immediate transfer from one doctor to another, which was made two or three years ago, might be altered and a time limit of three or six months imposed."

As a result of Sir Walter Kinnear's speech the Insurance Acts Committee communicated with Panel Committees, talked the matter over with the Ministry, and eventually suggested the present arrangement for a fourteen days' postponement of the actual change, failing immediate change by mutual consent. In connexion with this it should be remembered that originally an insured person could only change once a year, after due notice; then he was allowed to change once in six months; and finally he was given the right to change at any time; and these alterations were brought about very largely on the initiative of the Insurance Acts Committee.

The Annual Handbook of the Association, 1927-28.

The *Annual Handbook* of the British Medical Association for 1927-28 is now available. Copies can be had by members, gratis and post free, on application to the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1. Primarily intended as a book of reference for honorary secretaries and other workers of the Association, the *Handbook* should prove of interest and assistance to all members. The new edition is completely revised. It contains the decisions of the Representative Body of the Association on matters of policy; particulars about medical charities; information as to the constitution of the Association, and as to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL (the circulation of which is now 36,750 copies weekly) and other publications of the Association; lists of the members of the Council and central committees, officers, and officials of the Association; and much other information regarding the work of the Association. To non-members the book is on sale at 3s. 6d. (post free 3s. 9½d.).

British Medical Bureau (The Scholastic, Clerical, and Medical Association, Ltd.).

In the JOURNAL of November 5th (p. 839) attention was directed to the institution of the British Medical Bureau under an agreement with the old-established Scholastic, Clerical, and Medical Association, Ltd., which, since 1880, has been providing for the wants of medical practitioners, so far as transfer of practices and provision of partners, assistants, and locumtenents are concerned, with great acceptance to the profession. Its new name of "British Medical Bureau" is intended to emphasize the relations it now has with the British Medical Association, and the fact that it will do its work in accordance with the general policy of the British Medical Association. It will be noted that members of the Association have the advantage of a reduced scale of charges. The Association has always been able to recommend this institution to its members as a result of much experience of its straightforward dealing, and can now do so with even more confidence than before, in view of the new relations that exist between the two bodies. The negotiations have been conducted by the Council of the British Medical Association with the approval of the Representative Body. An advertisement will be found at page 55 of this issue. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. A. V. Storey, General Manager, British Medical Bureau, 12, Stratford Place, Oxford Street, W.1 (telegraphic address, "Triform Wesdo, London"; telephone numbers, Mayfair 1782 and 1783).

Armistice Day at the B.M.A. Head Office.

On Armistice Day, Friday, November 11th, the members of the central staff of the Association assembled in the Great Hall shortly before 11 a.m., as they did last year, and observed the two minutes' silence standing. The Union Jack, flown from the flagstaff on the main building, was lowered to half mast during the silence, as in previous years.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.—A general meeting of the Bournemouth Division will be held in conjunction with the Bournemouth Legal Society, by their kind invitation, on Monday, November 21st, at the Alexandra Hall, St. Peter's Road, Bournemouth, at 8 p.m., when a discussion entitled "Should communications to a medical man be privileged in legal procedure, both civil and criminal," will take place. The two chief speakers for the Legal Society will be Mr. E. W. Marshall Harvey and Mr. W. E. D'Angibau, and for the Division Dr. E. K. Le Fleming and Dr. G. H. Morse. The subject will then be open for general discussion, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be present and that a large number will take part in the debate. The Legal Society are kindly providing coffee.

DUNDEE BRANCH.—A meeting of the Dundee Branch will be held in the Medical School, Dundee, at 8.30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 29th. Business: (1) Lecture, with lantern slides, by Dr. A. A. Macklin on "A polar expedition; with special reference to the medical aspects"—non-members of the Association and senior medical students are invited; (2) election of officers for 1928.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH: EAST YORKSHIRE DIVISION.—The committee of the Scarborough Division have invited the members of the East Yorkshire Division to their second annual dance at the Crown Hotel on Thursday, December 8th. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) to be obtained from Dr. Parker, 19, York Place, or Dr. Ferguson, 56, Gladstone Street, Scarborough. Applications for tickets, with remittances, should be sent not later than November 30th.

FIFE BRANCH.—A clinical meeting of the Fife Branch will be held in the Maternity Home, Townsend Crescent, Kirkcaldy, on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Mr. Frank E. Jardine (Edinburgh) will address the meeting on the use of heliotherapy in surgical cases.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: LANARKSHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lanarkshire Division will be held at St. Enoch Station Hotel on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Dr. D. Dale Logan will read a paper on gas poisoning in collieries.

KENT BRANCH: ISLE OF THANET DIVISION.—A meeting of the Isle of Thanet Division will be held at the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, Cliftonville, on Thursday, November 24th, at 8.45 p.m., when Dr. H. Raven will take the chair. Paper by Dr. H. Warwick Brown on nervous exhaustion, especially with reference to auto-intoxication as a factor in its production.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: SOUTHPORT DIVISION.—A meeting of the Southport Division will be held at 52, Hoghton Street, on Friday, November 25th, at 8.15 p.m. Agenda: Medical charities; medical service on St. Luke's Day; British Medical Association Scientific Lecture; public education in health; social function.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the City Division will take place at the Trocadero Restaurant on Thursday, December 1st, at 7.45 p.m., when several eminent guests will be present, and there will be a good musical entertainment. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from the secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH AND SOUTHWARK DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lambeth and Southwark Division will be held at the Lambeth Carlton Club, Coldharbour Lane, on Tuesday, November 22nd, at 9 p.m. Agenda: Report by Dr. E. H. Jebens on Annual Representative Meeting at Edinburgh; paper by Mr. E. P. Brockman (Orthopaedic Department, St. Thomas's Hospital) on common disabilities of the foot and ankle.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: MARYLEBONE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Marylebone Division will be held in the Council Chamber, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 8.15 p.m. Agenda:—Discussion: The relation of voluntary and municipal hospitals to pending legislation; to be opened by Dr. Masterman, St. Giles's Hospital, Camberwell. Speakers representing the views of private practitioners, voluntary hospital and municipal hospital staffs, Poor Law medical officers, medical officers of health, and members of hospital boards of management will take part. All members and non-members of the Association are welcomed.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—The South-West Essex Division will hold a reception and dance in the Town Hall, Leyton, on Thursday, November 24th. All medical practitioners, whether members of the British Medical Association or not, together with their friends, will be heartily welcome. The function will be in aid of medical charities. Tickets, 7s. 6d. single, 12s. 6d. double (lady and gentleman), can be obtained from the honorary secretary, or from members of the Executive Committee.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—A special meeting of the Wandsworth Division will be held at Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender Hill, on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 8.45 p.m., to consider the adoption of Rules of Organization. It will be followed by an ordinary meeting at which the agenda will be: (1) Clinical assistantships; (2) the work of hospital out-patient departments as it affects general practitioners.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER AND HOLBORN DIVISION.—A meeting of the Westminster and Holborn Division will be held at Romano's Restaurant, Strand, W.C., on Thursday, November 24th, at 8.15 p.m., preceded by a dinner at 7.30. Sir Crisp English will open a discussion entitled "Is it desirable that each member of the community should have an annual medical overhaul?"

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the Willesden Division will take place at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, S.W., on Sunday, November 20th, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 10s. (excluding wines), can be obtained from Dr. W. Lock, 45, Church Road, N.W.10.

NORFOLK BRANCH.—A meeting of the Norfolk Branch will be held at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, on Wednesday, November 30th, at 3.15 p.m., when Dr. H. J. Starling will read a paper on the diagnosis and treatment of hyperthyroidism (illustrated by lantern slides).

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: BISHOP AUCKLAND DIVISION.—A meeting of the Bishop Auckland Division will be held at the Cottage Hospital, Bishop Auckland, on Friday, November 25th, at 8 p.m. Dr. D. Wells Patterson will give a lecture on the earliest signs of disease.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: CONSETT DIVISION.—A meeting of the Consett Division will be held in the Railway Hotel, Consett, on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7 p.m. Agenda: Report of representative at A.R.M. After the meeting the Division will entertain Mr. J. S. Arkle, assistant surgeon, ophthalmic department, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to a complimentary supper. Mr. Arkle will afterwards deliver an address entitled "Some commoner diseases of the eye and their treatment."

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND DIVISION.—A meeting of the North Northumberland Division will be held in the Infirmary, Berwick-on-Tweed, on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 2.45 p.m., when Professor Lovell Gulland (Edinburgh) will give an address on the significance of heart murmurs. Tea will be provided at the close of the meeting. A large attendance is hoped for.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: TYNESIDE DIVISION.—A clinical evening of the Tyneside Division will be held at the Tynemouth Victoria Jubilee Infirmary on November 25th, at 8 p.m., when Dr. J. C. Spence will address the Division on recent advances in medical treatment. A cordial invitation is extended to the members of neighbouring Divisions.

OXFORD AND READING BRANCH: OXFORD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Oxford Division will be held at the Radcliffe Infirmary on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 2.30 p.m. Agenda: Election of officers for 1928; Chairman's address: "Changes in medical practice during the past fifty years." Dr. and Mrs. Collier invite members and their wives to tea at 4.30 p.m. at the hospital after the meeting. Entries for the Treasurer's Golf Cup (1928) to be sent to the honorary secretary, Dr. W. Stobie, 340, Banbury Road, Oxford, by November 30th (2s. 6d.).

SOUTHERN BRANCH: JERSEY DIVISION.—The following programme of meetings has been arranged by the Jersey Division, when the papers indicated will be read:

Dec. 15th. Mr. C. F. Cuthbert: From Old to New.
Jan. 19th. Dr. H. W. Marett Tims: Heredity in Relation to Social Problems.
Feb. 16th. Mr. A. S. Ferguson: Focal Infections of the Head.
Mar. 15th. Mr. C. A. Halliwell: The Treatment of Peritonitis.
April 19th. Lieut.-Colonel P. J. Marett: Some Lung Infections.
May 17th. Mr. C. H. B. Avarne: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Gall Stones.
June 21st. Dr. A. H. Jacob: Tuberculosis from the Point of View of the Tuberculosis Officer.

The meetings will be held at 8.30 p.m. in the committee room of the General Hospital. Members having cases of interest are invited to show them at any of the meetings.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Portsmouth Division will be held at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital (Out-patient Department) on Thursday, November 24th. 3 p.m., examination of patients; 3.45, tea by invitation of the medical and surgical staff of the hospital; 4 o'clock, discussion (in board room of hospital). A dance in aid of the B.M.A. Charities Fund is being arranged for February, 1928.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: CARDIFF DIVISION.—A meeting of the Cardiff Division will be held in the Engineers' Institute, Park Place, Cardiff, on Thursday, December 15th, at 8.30 p.m. Professor W. E. Dixon, M.D., F.R.S., will give a British Medical Association Lecture on the trend of thought in modern therapy. After the lecture Professor Dixon will be entertained at a Divisional supper at the Park Hotel, Cardiff.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—A meeting of the Swansea Division will be held at the General Hospital, Swansea, on Thursday, November 24th, at 8.15 p.m. Discussion: Acute intestinal obstruction; to be opened by Dr. D. E. Evans (medical), Dr. A. F. Sladden (pathological), and Mr. Howell Gabe (surgical).

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—An autumn intermediate meeting of the South-Western Branch will be held in the Library of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, on Tuesday, November 22nd, at 3.15 p.m. Lecture by Dr. James Mennell: The use and abuse of bone-setting and osteopathy. Tea will be provided.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—A general meeting of the Staffordshire Branch will be held at the Smith-Child Block of the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary on Thursday, November 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Business: Correspondence; scientific communications: (1) Some uses of endoscopy (Mr. G. A. Carter); (2) Injuries to the eye in their medico-legal aspect (Mr. R. H. Dickson); (3) Suppurative tenosynovitis of the palm (Mr. Eric Young); (4) Auriculo-ventricular bundle branch block—its diagnosis by the electro-cardiogram (Dr. A. Wilson Gill). There will be an interval for afternoon tea. The Council has decided not to arrange for a dinner after this meeting.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Croydon Division will be held at the Croydon General Hospital on Wednesday, November 23rd. Dr. F. Hernaman-Johnson will give a lecture demonstration on the treatment of malignant disease, uterine haemorrhage, and other disorders by deep x-ray therapy. Meeting preceded by tea at 4 p.m.

SUSSEX BRANCH: HASTINGS DIVISION.—The annual dance arranged by the Hastings Division will take place on Friday, December 2nd, at the Albany Hotel, Hastings. Tickets, 7s. 6d. (including buffet supper). Members are requested to notify the honorary secretary, Dr. T. Reed, Hawkswood, London Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, as early as possible how many tickets they will require.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the Trowbridge Division will be held at the Angel Hotel, Chippenham, on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. E. W. Hey Groves will give an address after dinner. Tickets (exclusive of wines) 10s. 6d. Members proposing to attend are asked to notify the honorary secretary, Dr. A. D. Hamilton, Bridge Cottage, Lacock, by November 18th.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: HUDDERSFIELD DIVISION.—The medical dance of the Huddersfield Division will be held in the Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, December 7th, from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. Reception, 8.45. For those who do not wish to dance, a bridge drive, commencing at 9.15 p.m., will be arranged. As the dance will only be held if a sufficient number of tickets are sold, it will greatly assist the committee if members will notify the honorary secretary, Mr. A. Latimer Walker, 4, New North Road, Huddersfield, before November 28th, the number of tickets required. The price of tickets is 8s. 6d. each.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: ROTHERHAM DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the Rotherham Division will be held at the Crown Hotel, Rotherham, on Friday, November 25th, at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.; tickets 12s. 6d. (exclusive of wines). Members proposing to attend are asked to notify the honorary secretary, Dr. W. S. Wildman, Eastwood House, Rotherham, by November 20th, stating the number and names of guests. It will facilitate arrangements if tickets are paid for in advance.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: SHEFFIELD DIVISION.—A general meeting of the Sheffield Division will be held on Friday, December 9th, at the University, Sheffield, at 8.30 p.m., when a British Medical Association Lecture will be delivered by Professor H. Beckwith Whitehouse, on practical applications of recent views on the menstrual functions.

SPA PRACTITIONERS' GROUP.

The formation of a Spa Practitioners' Group has been sanctioned by the Council of the Association. Membership of the group is open to those members of the Association who regularly prescribe the mineral waters or baths of the spas in which they reside, and those members of the Association who are on the staff of a hospital or clinic where the use of the local mineral waters is part of the routine treatment. A meeting of those eligible for membership will be held, to inaugurate the group, at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 12.30 p.m.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

ABERDEEN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Aberdeen Branch was held in the Palace Hotel, Aberdeen, on October 29th, when Dr. J. E. SKINNER, the retiring president, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of members.

The minutes of the summer meeting, which was held at Huntly, the annual report of the Branch Council, and the treasurer's report were submitted and approved.

The following office-bearers were appointed for 1927-28: *President-Elect*, Dr. P. Howie. *Vice-President*, Dr. J. E. Skinner. *Treasurer*, Dr. J. R. Levack. *Honorary Secretaries*, Mr. F. K. Smith and Dr. J. A. Stephen.

The CHAIRMAN made appreciative reference to the retirement of the senior secretary, Dr. Thomas Fraser, who had held office for over twenty years, and the meeting heartily endorsed the chairman's remarks in moving a vote of thanks. Dr. FRASER, in a reminiscent reply, referred specially to the two great events during his period of office—namely, the passing of the National Health Insurance Act and the Annual Meeting of the Association in Aberdeen in 1914, of which he was local general secretary.

After the meeting the members and guests, to the number of forty, dined in the hotel, and after dinner an instructive and inspiring address was given by Dr. MAITLAND RAMSAY, director of the James Mackenzie Institute for Clinical Research, St. Andrews, on the place of the general practitioner in clinical research. Dr. W. CLARK SOUTER, in an appreciative speech, moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Ramsay, and the hope was expressed that the address would reach a wider audience by future publication.

A musical programme, provided by Drs. H. ROSS SOUPER, DAVID RORIE, EDWARD WALKER, and JOHN CHRYSTIE, added much to the pleasure of an entirely successful meeting.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: COVENTRY DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Coventry Division was held at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital on November 1st.

Dr. A. J. WILSON demonstrated a case of mistaken sex in a male aged 30 years, who had been brought up and was living as a female; he had perfectly developed male secondary sexual characters, and somewhat malformed but functioning male genitalia.

The chairman, Dr. BRAZIL, delivered his address on medicine in lay literature, dealing with the knowledge of medical matters shown in the works of various classical authors, including Shakespeare, Dickens, Jane Austen, and the Brontës, and of Arnold Bennett, and gave word pictures of the famous doctors and nurses of lay literature. The paper covered a considerable field of literature and showed wide reading and attractive literary style.

Dr. Wilson and Dr. Brazil were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting of the South-Eastern Counties Division was held in the Royal Hotel, Galashiels, on October 19th.

The following motion, proposed by Dr. FLEMING, and seconded by Dr. YOUNG, was unanimously approved and directed to be sent to the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association:

> That in view of the increased numbers of members and others who attended the last Annual Meeting at Edinburgh, and the difficulty many experienced in obtaining tickets for functions they wished to attend, a complete time-table of meetings, excursions, and social functions be printed in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, instead of the very incomplete provisional time-table as published in the issue of June 25th, 1927, in order to give members more time to study what is offered by the meeting and plan accordingly than is possible when such information is only available after registration at the actual meeting.

The SECRETARY reported the receipt of a letter from Dr. Cox on public education in health, and suggested that it be remitted to the chairman in the first instance.

Mr. MERCER, in an interesting address, stated that orthopaedics dated from the publication of a paper in 1740 by Andre on the subject of "orthopaedia," but that the surgery of deformities went back to the days of Hippocrates, who wrote freely and eruditely upon the treatment of fractures and deformities. Orthopaedic surgery was then defined, and a plea made for specialism in the subject. Spastic paralysis could be materially reduced by the lessened use of forceps. The early diagnosis of rickets and the sanatorium treatment of tuberculosis also helped in the same direction. Whole-hearted co-operation was required between the practitioner and the orthopaedic surgeon. Various points in the treatment of poliomyelitis, rickets, tuberculosis, and mechanical injuries were then discussed and illustrated by a considerable number of lantern slides.

Mr. Mercer was warmly thanked for his address, on the conclusion of which a discussion was held on a letter from Sir David Wallace regarding a proposed orthopaedic hospital with major and minor clinics in the south-eastern district of Scotland. It was ultimately agreed that no further steps should be taken until the members of the Division had had an opportunity of meeting Sir David Wallace and Professor Fraser within the following fortnight. In sending out the agenda sheets the secretary was directed to make a special appeal for a large attendance of Hawick practitioners.

JAMAICA BRANCH.

THE monthly meeting of the Jamaica Branch was held on September 15th, when Dr. C. A. H. THOMSON was in the chair.

Drs. GEOGHEGAN and MOODY read papers on the physiology and pathology of blood pressure, and anabolin in the treatment of blood pressure.

The annual general meeting of the Jamaica Branch was held at the P.G. Hospital, Kingston, Jamaica, on October 20th, when the president-elect, Dr. C. A. H. THOMSON, was in the chair and delivered his presidential address.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: *President*, Dr. C. A. H. Thomson. *President-Elect*, Dr. B. M. Wilson. *Secretary*, Dr. Strathairn. *Assistant Secretary*, Dr. Allen.

It was decided to celebrate the jubilee of the Branch by a dinner, and the president, the president-elect, the secretary, Dr. Geoghegan, and Dr. Gideon were elected a special committee to arrange the same.

The draft annual report was adopted subject to audit.

Drs. Allen, Baxter, and Strathairn were appointed a subcommittee to arrange the monthly meetings.

In the evening the annual dinner was held at the South Camp Hotel, when twenty-two members were present.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

A SCIENTIFIC meeting was held on November 2nd at the General Hospital, Birkenhead, the chair being taken by Dr. E. H. MONKS, president of the Branch; about eighty members were present.

In a paper on the treatment of gonorrhoea in the male as at present practised Dr. F. G. FOSTER emphasized the gravity and consequences of the disease, as well as the uselessness of treatment with oleo-resins by the mouth. He discussed the differential diagnosis of other conditions, and also the methods of determining if the infection had spread to the posterior urethra. This was followed by a full description of irrigation methods and the exhibition of a cheap but efficient irrigation outfit. An account was then given of the more common complications and other methods of treatment; the paper concluded with a discussion of the criteria of cure.

Mr. ELDON GORST contributed a paper on the treatment of hypopyon ulcer of the cornea with the electric thermophore. He explained that this type of corneal ulcer is usually the consequence of a foreign body on the cornea and that the infecting organism is usually the pneumococcus, occasionally other organisms. The thermophore devised by Shahan is an electrically heated apparatus, to which applicators of varying size and shape can be fitted; it can be used from the main supply by means of a suitable lamp or other resistances, and is so contrived that it can be continuously maintained at a given temperature. The thermal death-point of the pneumococcus being 138° F., corneal ulcer can be treated by the application of the thermophore at 150° to 160° for one minute, a period in which material heating of the globe is not produced. Mr. Gorst gave details of a series of cases which he had treated, in most of which successful results had been obtained.

After tea Dr. DALZELL, in a short but pointed speech, introduced a discussion on the future of non-teaching hospitals, emphasizing the extreme importance of this question to the profession at the present time. He succeeded admirably in his expressed intention of making his remarks provocative, as he was quickly followed by other speakers, who elaborated or disagreed with the points that he had made. It was unfortunate that the lateness of the hour cut short this discussion, as it obviously aroused very great interest.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Birkenhead Division and Dr. Dalzell, to the matron and authorities of the hospitals, and to the president.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH AND SOUTHWARK DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Lambeth and Southwark Division was held at the Lambeth Hospital, Brook Street, S.E., on October 28th. Dr. A. L. BALY, medical superintendent, gave a very interesting address on Poor Law administration. Various questions were asked and answered, and a general discussion ensued.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: STRATFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Stratford Division was held at the Educational Offices, Stratford, on October 25th, when the Division commenced its usual course of winter lectures. The chair was taken by Dr. GARLAND COLLINS, medical officer of health for West Ham, and an address was given by Professor LEONARD HILL, F.R.S., on artificial sunlight and treatment by ultra-violet rays, which was demonstrated by lantern slides. Professor Hill enlarged upon all the various conditions to which, in his opinion, the ultra-violet rays could be usefully applied. Over fifty practitioners were present.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Portsmouth Division was held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on November 10th, when Dr. LYTLE presided.

Mr. NORMAN C. LAKE, assistant surgeon, Charing Cross Hospital, gave an address entitled "A busman's holiday in America," which was listened to with intense interest. Perhaps the sections which excited the most interest were those dealing with Crile's clinic at Cleveland, the Mayo Clinic, and the comparison of English and American methods. The speaker also dealt with medico-political subjects, such as paying patients in hospitals, the management of hospitals, payment by insurance companies for accidents. This side of the lecture gave the Division much food for thought.

Mr. RIDOUT opened the discussion, and he was followed by Messrs. LUMB, STANLEY HILLMAN, and MARTIN, and Drs. MUGGLETON and GITTINGS. On the motion of Dr. BOSWORTH WRIGHT, seconded by Mr. MARTIN, a vote of thanks to Mr. Norman C. Lake for his address was carried with much applause.

Sixty-five members attended the meeting, of whom forty sat down to supper at 9 p.m.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

A MEETING of the South Midland Branch was held at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford, on October 27th. Dr. Harwood Yarred, nominated by the Branch Council, was unanimously elected president for 1928.

On the motion of Dr. FASNACHT, secretary of the Bedfordshire Division, the question of mileage fees for witnesses attending coroners' inquests, assize courts, etc., was considered. Dr. Fasnacht reported the action of the Bedfordshire Division in negotiating with the Bedfordshire County Council, and stated that they had arranged a mileage rate of 1s. a mile for the total journey both ways for inquests held more than two miles from the doctor's house; and that this had been subsequently extended to attending assize courts and quarter sessions. Dr. Fasnacht reported that he had had difficulty in obtaining his fee personally, and suspected that other doctors had not been drawing it. He therefore wished to draw the attention of the Branch to the subject. He had also written and reported to the secretaries of the Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire Divisions. The secretary of the Branch was instructed to direct the attention of the Divisions to this point, and to urge them to approach their respective county councils. Dr. BONE stated that it was legal for a coroner to pay a fee for a report when no inquest was held. The secretary was instructed also to inform the Division secretaries of this fact.

Dr. S. J. Ross read a paper on some difficulties in diagnosing certain surgical conditions. He gave details of several difficult cases which he had met recently, and discussed them from the diagnostic standpoint. The paper was followed with interest, and there was some discussion subsequently in which Mr. HARRIES-JONES (president), Mr. HOLMAN, Dr. BONE, and Mr. BARNES took part. On the motion of the PRESIDENT a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Ross. Tea was afterwards provided by the president.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST WALES DIVISION.

A MEETING of the South-West Wales Division was held at the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen, on November 2nd, when Dr. D. H. PENNANT, D.S.O. (Saundersfoot), was in the chair.

The secretary was asked to convey the sympathies of the Division to the relatives of the late Dr. Samuel Williams (Llanelly).

Dr. OSCAR WILLIAMS gave an excellent and concise account of the transactions at the Annual Representative Meeting at Edinburgh, at which he represented the Division. After a long discussion on what had been done at the Annual Representative Meeting, the secretary was instructed to communicate with the

county council and coroners of Carmarthenshire and to inform them of the decision of the Association that fees should be paid for reports to coroners where a practitioner did not perform a *post-mortem* examination, and was not called to give evidence, and to point out to them that this Division was advising its members to abide by the advice of the Annual Representative Meeting.

Dr. Oscar Williams was heartily thanked for his work and for his excellent report.

It was decided to invite Dr. F. W. Price (London) to lecture to the Division, and to invite Sir Ewen Maclean to open a discussion on maternal morbidity and mortality. It was also decided to hold a clinical meeting at Llanelly General Hospital in May, 1928.

The British Medical Association Memorandum, "Public Education in Health," was discussed, and as a result the secretary was instructed to write to the county councils of Carmarthen, Cardigan, and Pembroke and urge them to take steps for the propagation of public education in health, and to draw their attention to Section 67 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

The Division instructed the secretary to inform the county councils and the medical officers of health that it would do all it could to co-operate with them and with the medical officers of health if they would formulate a scheme.

Sussex Branch: Hastings Division.

A meeting of the Hastings Division was held at the Queen's Hotel on October 13th.

Mr. Somerville Hastings, F.R.C.S., gave an address on the future of medical practice in England, and dealt first with the devolution which had occurred in the functions of the general practitioner. The old type of family doctor had, he believed, passed away for ever; this was due to the inroads by various public medical services, of which there were now about seventeen categories, and the number would tend to increase. This, the speaker thought, definitely foreshadowed some form of State medical service. The great defect of this service was lack of co-ordination, and it tended to create watertight compartments which would not be efficient without the guiding influence of the general practitioner. Mr. Hastings then showed how these public services had resulted in great public benefits. He believed, however, that there was a real danger of these services being retained in the hands of specialists. The general practitioner's function in this scheme, he thought, was to be a medical registrar. A State medical service was inevitable, and it was the duty of every general practitioner to make up his mind what sort of a service he wanted, and then to try and influence his organization and the people to see that he got such a service.

A good discussion followed, in which it appeared that Mr. Hastings's views did not meet with general approval.

Suffolk Branch.

A meeting of the Suffolk Branch was held at the Royal Hotel, Lowestoft, on October 29th, when Dr. A. E. Gow, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, read a paper on anaemia, in which he dealt with the differential diagnosis of anaemias, their causation and their treatment. Members and their wives were entertained to tea by the Lowestoft practitioners.

Ulster Branch: Tyrone Division.

The annual meeting of the Tyrone Division was held in the Tyrone County Hospital on November 3rd.

A letter was read from the Minister of Labour on a scheme of general practitioner treatment for disabled ex-soldiers, in reply to a resolution passed at a previous meeting of the Division advocating the adoption of payment on the basis of a panel system instead of the present system, which was open to abuse and was unsatisfactory. The reply of the Minister was referred to the Branch Council for consideration.

Dr. W. Lyle (Newtownstewart) was appointed chairman of the Division for the ensuing year, Dr. F. Bradley (Fintona) vice-chairman and to retain the position of secretary, and Dr. W. P. Lynch was re-elected assistant secretary. The Executive Committee was elected, and Dr. Thompson was appointed representative on the Branch Council.

The part-time medical referee system was next considered. Several members spoke in favour of retaining it, and several against. The consensus of opinion of the meeting was that it was not a satisfactory system, and that they were still in favour of whole-time referees. Dr. Lyle proposed that "as the trial term of six months had elapsed, the deputation that visited the Ministry on a previous occasion should again arrange to do so." The secretary was instructed to bring this under the notice of the Branch Council.

A circular was read by the Secretary on the education of the public on health matters. It was decided that no action be taken as the health services were in such a chaotic state in Northern Ireland that no useful purpose would be served pending the adoption of the Poor Law Commission's report.

Dr. Kidd (Enniskillen) gave a very lucid and interesting summary of the Poor Law Commission's report, emphasizing the points as they affected the various branches of the medical service. He pointed out a very grave omission in the report—namely, the necessity of a Ministry of Health for Northern Ireland. After a short discussion on some points in the report—which on the whole was considered satisfactory with the above exception—it was proposed by Dr. Murnaghan, seconded by Dr. McCauley:

> That in the opinion of the Tyrone Division of the British Medical Association a Ministry of Health with an advisory council having statutory recognition is absolutely necessary for the proper co-ordination of the proposed health services.

A discussion took place regarding the form of medical certificate in the case of a juror applying to be excused on grounds of ill health. It was pointed out that the form was in its essence derogatory to, and incompatible with, the spirit of an honourable profession, and that this matter be brought to the notice of the Branch Council.

Several members drew attention to the inadequate remuneration paid to Crown witnesses, and to registrars when called on to give evidence in court; the same applied to medical attendance on police cases. The secretary was instructed to bring this matter before the Branch Council.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Dr. Kidd.

West Somerset Branch.

A meeting of the West Somerset Branch was held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton, on October 28th, when Dr. E. N. Jupp was in the chair. Revised Organization Rules were adopted, and a few other matters of general interest were discussed.

Dr. Eric Pritchard, consulting physician, Queen's Hospital for Children, London, gave a British Medical Association Lecture entitled "The principles of nutrition in their application to the feeding of infants and children," illustrated by lantern slides.

The annual dinner was held in the evening at the County Hotel, Taunton. After dinner the company were entertained by a musical programme contributed by visitors and members present at the dinner.

Yorkshire Branch: Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division.

A meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division was held at the Great Bull Restaurant, Westgate, Wakefield, on November 10th, when Dr. Gibson was in the chair.

The chairman opened the discussion on death certification and coroners' inquests by detailing the new regulations and dealing with some of the advantages of them. He mentioned that even if a *post-mortem* examination had been made there still remained a small percentage (4 to 5 per cent.) of cases in which the cause of death was unascertainable.

Dr. Steven, who followed, dealt with the question from the general practitioner's point of view, and emphasized the delay which arose from the posting of the death certificates to the registrar.

Mr. Howarth (coroner for Wakefield) gave an interesting account of early death certification, stating that the first certified death in Wakefield was in 1845. He gave some interesting causes of death as entered in the register in pre-certification days—many having been entered as dying from the "visitation of God." He deplored the lack of co-ordination between various bodies, and the delays which arose from that cause. He pointed out that it was the duty of the doctor to notify the police or the coroner in any case in which he felt unable to certify, or when there was any cause for suspicion.

Mr. Druce (registrar of deaths) drew attention to the fact that there was also the registrars' point of view, and the point of view of the public to consider in all these matters. He mentioned that a registrar was able to register a case of stillbirth where neither the doctor nor the midwife had given a certificate, upon the statement of any other suitable person. He expressed a desire that where an unusual cause of death was given on a certificate it should be entered in block capitals.

The discussion was continued by Alderman W. Bentley, the coroner for Pontefract, Mr. Denton, registrar for Wakefield, and Drs. Lister, Walker, and Twist.

PUBLIC HEALTH APPOINTMENTS.

Statement by the Medical Women's Federation.

The Medical Women's Federation, being much concerned to note that a large proportion of the underpaid public health appointments advertised by local authorities are accepted by women, has issued to its members the following memorandum.

Women who may be tempted to accept these black-listed appointments are asked to remember the following facts:

1. That the whole position of women in the medical profession depends on their complete loyalty to professional standards of conduct and policy. They would never have been admitted to professional organizations nor accepted as colleagues in any sense if it had been anticipated that they would attempt to undercut their male competitors. Nothing is more calculated to introduce an element of discord into the relations of men and women in the profession than a spread of this practice.

2. That the salaries offered would be far lower than they are now but for the determined stand made in pre-war days. The present position is not a new one. Medical women ever since their admission to the profession have had to make precisely the same sacrifices for principle as are now demanded. With the inauguration of the school medical service in 1908, and later when maternity and child welfare posts were created, persistent efforts were made by local authorities to pay their assistant medical officers below the British Medical Association minimum, and to secure women at a lower rate than men. With rare exceptions the efforts were a failure, and "blacklegging" was

so uncommon that until the close of the war comparatively few authorities wasted time in advertising posts below the agreed minimum.

3. That the salary scale fixed by the British Medical Association and the Society of Medical Officers of Health is none too high in relation to the enormous expense of medical education and the heavy cost of maintaining a household. Young men and women with few responsibilities should do nothing to make life impossible for the many of both sexes who have heavier obligations.

4. *That lowered pay invariably implies lowered status and prestige.* Holders of appointments which have been banned invariably find themselves cut off from professional advancement and stultified in all their work. The woman who stamps herself as belonging to an inferior grade of doctor cannot complain if she is taken at her own valuation.

5. That in regard to salaries the minimum always tends to become a maximum, and once the agreed scale is abandoned and the professional ranks are broken, the lowest salaries will tend to be adopted by other authorities making new appointments. Authorities wishing to be economical would proceed still further, and the scale all over the country would be rapidly depressed.

6. That attempts to evade the scale and split the ranks of the profession by offering a man's post at the agreed rate and a woman's at slightly below are particularly to be deprecated. Where the rule of "equal pay for equal work" is violated there is no limit to the extent to which women will be exploited and sweated. Medical women in the public health service have often been faced with the danger of a rise for male employees only, which could only be resisted by appealing to an inviolable rule.

7. That a woman who has betrayed her professional brethren, past, present, and to come, cannot expect the support of her colleagues or of professional organizations at any time in her career.

National Insurance.

LONDON PANEL COMMITTEE.

Dinner-Dance and Presentation.

THE London insurance practitioners' eighth annual dinner and dance will be held at the New Princes' Galleries, Piccadilly, on Thursday, December 1st, at 8 p.m., reception at 7.30. The dinner and dance are open to all practitioners and their friends. Tickets, 17s. 6d. each (exclusive of wines, but including light refreshments during dance), or dance tickets only (7s. 6d. each, inclusive of light refreshments during dance) may be obtained from any member of the London Panel Committee or from Dr. C. L. Batteson (17, Russell Square, W.C.1). An added attraction to practitioners attending the dinner will be the presentation which will take place immediately afterwards to Dr. H. J. Cardale, chairman of the London Panel Committee, as a recognition of his sterling services on behalf of members of the medical profession working under the Insurance Acts.

Correspondence.

The Panel Conference.

SIR,—We are indebted to Dr. Larkin for his criticism of the Panel Conference (SUPPLEMENT, October 29th, p. 178). I, however, differ somewhat with him as to the place where the speakers should stand. All should speak from the platform, facing their audience, even though much time is lost while they walk to the platform. Much of this can, however, be saved by a little forethought. Enclose with the final agenda a form containing spaces for the name and address of the representative and as many numbered blank spaces as there are motions. Each representative to fill the spaces referring to the motions on which he wishes to speak with one word—"for," "against," or "amend"—returning it at once to the secretary. A clerk can readily tabulate all forms as received, giving the name of each intending speaker under the appropriate heading —"for," "against," "amend"—of each motion. With such a list the chairman can call a speaker from each lot in turn. The intending speakers, on their part, should move up to the space at the ends of the platform, ready to step forward when called, directly a particular motion is reached. There is ample standing-room for a considerable number of speakers. When those who sent up their names have spoken, then the chairman could call for any others who wished to speak. The meeting could at any time, as at present, with the approval of the chairman, call for an immediate vote.

The Conference dinner is a pleasant function, and I should be sorry to see it dropped, but as it is at present arranged it detracts very much from the efficiency of the Conference. It causes the latter part of the business to be rushed through in a most unseemly manner, so that the meeting can be finished at the time fixed for the dinner. The result is that many motions are adopted or rejected without due discussion or consideration. The dinner ought to be held on the preceding night. This arrangement would cause little or no inconvenience to most representatives. So convinced am I about this evil that I purpose impressing on the Bury Panel Committee not to support the dinner unless it is so held. Personally I have determined, should the Bury Panel Committee again favour me with their confidence, not to attend the dinner if it be on the night of the Conference. The panel representatives do not go to London for the dinner, but for the Conference, and it ought to be the first consideration.—I am, etc.,

Bury, Lancs, Nov. 5th. JAMES HOLMES.

Change of Doctor.

SIR,—It interests me to see at last in the columns of your esteemed JOURNAL (SUPPLEMENT, October 29th, p. 178) some little protest against the new scheme of change of doctor under the National Health Insurance Act.

From a practical point of view the complex and involved new method of procedure renders it next to impossible for the average panel patient, with his limited time, to change his doctor, with the trouble involved in writing letters and repeatedly visiting insurance committee offices, and other delay. Further, I wonder whether in these new schemes which are evolved any consideration is given to the younger medical practitioner who launches out on his own and attempts to build up some form of panel practice. Do the more senior members of the profession realize that in the creation of such a scheme they have more or less completely closed the gates to their younger colleagues, beset as they are with numerous other difficulties in making headway in their profession?

I think this aspect of the question calls for urgent consideration on the part of those responsible for the initiation of the scheme, and I feel sure that in bringing these points forward I am expressing the views of several of my young colleagues.—I am, etc.,

November 4th. ALUMNUS.

SIR,—In the SUPPLEMENT of October 29th there is a letter from Dr. H. S. Griffith mentioning the existence of a large practice near him employing several doctors, so that a patient rarely saw the same doctor twice.

In such a case, no doubt, it would be better for the patient to be under the continuous observation of one doctor who had time to take an interest in him. But such large practices form only a small percentage. The majority of practices are but medium-sized. In such cases the frequent changing of doctors at any moment destroys continuity of observation, which in many cases is essential for diagnosis, and also, therefore, tends to make the doctor lose interest in his work, as he cannot feel that a patient is really his patient.

In the majority of cases I have found that the transfers are effected for what is purely a side issue (that is, when they are not virtually canvassed). In some cases the patient may misunderstand the doctor, or has certain doubts in his mind which at the moment the doctor does not appreciate. In most, if not all, cases these doubts are cleared up when the patient attends next time, and the patient then appreciates that the doctor understood the case. The effect of their being able to transfer at any moment is that the public get an unnecessarily lowered opinion of the profession, being virtually encouraged to believe that many doctors do not understand their work.

Many of us younger medical men if given a chance will make good. I noticed this when I first started in practice. This was towards the end of the "transfer in block" period. I was of a youthful appearance, and many patients obviously thought it rather incredible at first that I could "know anything about it." But they were on my list, and they soon found, after attending a few times, that there was no reason to suppose any difference in competence, and they became very loyal patients. I think we are entitled to a fair chance.

In many cases transfers were effected because of a small debt on account of the family. We are very lenient to poor people, and do not dream of pressing them for a small debt of, say, 2s. But it is rather unfair to us to lose the panel patient, the only one, perhaps, for whom we are paid, because of having attended (without fee) a member of the family. This should not be encouraged by the profession.

It is not necessary to insist on the value of continuity of observation in medicine. Sir James Mackenzie stressed this enough. The free transfer took this away from us—and probably in the clinically most serious and important cases. We do not take too much responsibility on ourselves, and in cases of doubt we send them to hospital with a letter giving the clinical history. In many cases we get a letter back from

the physician or surgeon, and so are able to take complete interest in our patients. We have also the power on occasion to call in the regional medical officer.

As regards myself, the free transfer has not made me take more interest in my patients, but less. I have every desire to maintain and improve my practice. To do so I do my best for the patients I feel have confidence in me; if I am sure of them, I use every reasonable endeavour to establish this confidence; and so they fetch the cards of their relatives and recommend their neighbours.—I am, etc.,

October 30th. MEDIUM PANEL.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Commander G. O. M. Dickenson is placed on the retired list with the rank of Surgeon Captain.

Surgeon Commander A. Fairley is placed on the retired list at his own request.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander A. G. Taylor to be Surgeon Commander.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander J. T. Wylie to the *Cornwall* on commissioning.

Surgeon Lieutenants D. Bell to the *Cornflower* on transfer; H. W. Strong to the *Hollyhock* for passage home; A. De B. Joyce to the *Lucia* on transfer and to the *Columbine* for R.N. Hospital, South Queensferry; J. H. Nicolson to the *Cornwall* on commissioning; W. J. Rankine to the *Columbine* for Port Edgar Base; R. Murray to the *Bee*, and to the *Ladybird*; J. P. Henderson to the *Aphis*, part complement on Murray joining the *Ladybird*; H. E. M. Martin to the *Excellent*; M. Barton to the *Wistaria*; P. H. Deeny to the *Sutton*; J. D. Sayers to the *Herald*; L. A. F. Wiles to the *Cornflower*, and to the *Cornflower* on commissioning, and to the *Iroquois* on transfer; M. B. Devane to the *Pembroke* for trooping, and to the *Sandhurst* on arrival on station; R. L. G. Proctor to the *Dryad*; E. V. Barnes to the *Calliope* for duty on voyage home on relief.

Surgeon Lieutenant (short service) J. B. Patrick and T. L. J. Barry have transferred to the permanent list.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Lieutenant R. Hall to the *Tiger* for fourteen days' training.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The following Captains to be Majors: W. D. Newland, M.C., and A. C. Taylor (prov.).

Temporary Lieutenant E. M. Wright relinquishes his commission.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Wing Commander A. S. Glynn to Palestine General Hospital.

Flight Lieutenants J. D. Leahy, M.C., to R.A.F. Station, Upper Heyford; C. T. O'Neill, O.B.E., to No. 20 Squadron, India; A. Harvey to No. 47 Squadron, Middle East.

Flying Officer W. D. McKeown is promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

Flying Officers J. Hill to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow; J. D'I. Rear to R.A.F. Pathological Laboratory, Halton; S. F. Heatley to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge; E. J. Jenkins to No. 45 Squadron, Middle East.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

The services of Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Barker, O.B.E., are placed at the disposal of the Government of the Punjab, for employment as Inspector-General of Prisons, Punjab.

The services of Lieutenant-Colonel J. Morison, M.B., Officiating Director, Pasteur Institute, Rangoon, are placed at the disposal of the Government of Assam for appointment as permanent Director, Pasteur Institute, Shillong.

Brevet Colonel J. Norman Walker is appointed to be Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, Central Provinces.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Colonel A. D. Sharp, C.B., C.M.G., T.D., K.H.S., having attained the age limit, is retired, and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Captain J. F. O'Grady, from General Hospitals, to be Captain, with precedence as from January 16th, 1921.

Captain K. Simpson resigns his commission.

Lieutenant H. A. Eadie to be Captain.

Lieutenant R. E. Davie, M.C., late Cameronians, to be Lieutenant.

Lieutenant J. J. Mitchell resigns his commission.

Supernumerary for Service with O.T.C.—Lieutenant V. C. Pennell to be Captain.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

Dr. A. K. Cosgrave, Senior Medical Officer, Selangor, appointed Senior Health Officer, Selangor and Pahang, F.M.S. Dr. F. R. Sayers, Senior Health Officer, Penang, appointed Senior Health Officer, Perak, F.M.S. Drs. R. G. Keays, G. A. Dunlop, Isobel M. Dunlop, and R. A. Pallister appointed Medical Officers, Malayan Medical Service. Dr. W. S. Ormiston appointed Travelling Medical Officer, Nigeria (transferred from post of Medical Officer). Dr. J. McP. Campbell appointed Medical Officer of Health, Thika, Kenya. Dr. J. J. Mitchell appointed Medical Officer, Uganda. Dr. G. R. Waller confirmed in his appointment as Medical Officer, Nigeria. Dr. T. H. Rankin has retired on pension from his appointment as Senior Medical Officer, Nigeria.

VACANCIES.

ACTON HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary £150 per annum.

BURNLEY: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.3.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

CANTERBURY: KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—Third Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary at the rate of £125 per annum.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, S.W.3.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—House-Physician at Wrenbury Hall Tuberculosis Training Colony. Salary £250 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND LUNGS, Victoria Park, E.2.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) House-Physician. Males. Salary at the rate of £250 and £100 per annum respectively.

CITY OF LONDON MATERNITY HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.1.—Assistant Obstetric Surgeon.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum, rising to £650.

EAST AND WEST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILS.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer at St. Andry's Hospital for Mental Diseases. Salary £300 per annum, rising to £350.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Southwark, S.E.1.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £120 per annum.

GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Two Medical Officers (male). Salary commencing at £632 10s. per annum.

GOLDEN SQUARE THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR HOSPITAL, W.—House-Surgeon. Salary £100 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—(1) Assistant Pathologist; salary £400 per annum. (2) House-Physician and House-Surgeon; salary £50 for six months. (3) Medical Registrar in the Out-patient Department; salary £250 per annum.

HULL CORPORATION.—Resident Medical Officer at the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Cottingham. Salary £350 per annum, *plus* bonus at present amounting to £135 7s. 2d.

HULL AND GOOLE PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary £750 per annum.

HULL: VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—(1) Resident House-Surgeon. (2) Resident House-Physician. Ladies. Salary £100 and £80 per annum respectively.

IPSWICH: EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.—(1) Medical Officer in charge of the X-Ray and Electro-Therapeutic Department. (2) Resident Medical and Surgical Officer (male); salary for single man £350 per annum, and for married man £500 per annum.

ISLE OF ELY COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum.

LIVERPOOL AND SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—House-Surgeon. Remuneration at the rate of £100 per annum.

LIVERPOOL SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.—Two Research Assistants for the School Laboratory at Freetown, Sierra Leone. Salary £600 per annum.

LONDON HOSPITAL, E.1.—Whole-time First Assistant in the Department of Dermatology and Syphilology. Salary £300 per annum.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—(1) Honorary Assistant Surgeon. (2) Senior House-Surgeon. (3) Junior House-Surgeon. Salary for (2) £130 and for (3) £100 per annum.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.—Assistant Medical Officer in the Post-Encephalitis Lethargica Unit at the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, N.21. Salary £550 per annum, rising to £600.

NEW ZEALAND RESEARCH LABORATORIES.—Dairy Research Bacteriologist. Salary £850 per annum, rising to £900.

NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL, Norwich.—Casualty Officer and House-Surgeon (male). Salary £120 per annum.

PAPWORTH VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.—House-Physician. Salary £100 per annum.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY BOROUGH.—Senior Assistant Medical Officer of Health for the Maternity and Child Welfare Department (female). Salary at the rate of £750 per annum.

PORTREE PARISH.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Probable gross income fully £1,600.

PRINCE OF WALES'S GENERAL HOSPITAL, Tottenham.—Honorary Clinical Assistants.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.2.—Casualty Officer. Salary £100 per annum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—(1) Surgical Registrar. (2) Medical Registrar. (3) Gynaecological Registrar. (4) House-Surgeon. (5) Second House-Surgeon. (6) Third House-Surgeon. (7) First House-Physician. (8) Gynaecological House-Surgeon. Salary for (1) £200, for (2) and (3) £100 per annum.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.7.—Ophthalmic Surgeon.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Waterloo Road, S.E.1.—Anaesthetist. Honorarium at the rate of £25 per annum.

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SALISBURY: GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon (male, unmarried).

SALVATION ARMY: MOTHERS' HOSPITAL, E.5.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers. Salary £100 and £60 per annum respectively.

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SWANSEA HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon for the Ophthalmic and Aural Departments (male, unmarried). Salary £150 to £200 per annum, according to experience.

WARWICK COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Hatton.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £300 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith, W.6.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Resident Assistant Casualty Officer and Aural and Ophthalmic House-Surgeon; salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

WREXHAM AND EAST DENBIGHSHIRE WAR MEMORIAL.—Two Resident House-Surgeons (male). Salary £100 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Aberlour (Banffshire), Southwell (Nottinghamshire). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—*Honorary Physician for Orthopaedic Diseases:* R. G. Abercrombie, M.A., M.D. *Honorary Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon:* E. Gordon Mackie, M.B., Ch.B. *Honorary Assistant Physician:* C. G. Imrie, M.D., M.R.C.P. *Senior Casualty Officer:* William Beattie, M.B., Ch.B. *Resident Surgical Officer:* J. Shirley Callcutt, M.B., Ch.B. *First House-Surgeon:* Hugh Flack, M.B., Ch.B. *Second House-Surgeon:*

W. N. M. Girling, M.B., Ch.B. *First House-Physician:* A. Lynn, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. *Second House-Physician:* G. H. Arnison, M.B., Ch.B. *Aural House-Surgeon:* C. Hyman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *Ophthalmic House-Surgeon:* C. G. Maxwell, M.B., Ch.B. *Assistant Casualty Officers:* James Witherow, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., and A. J. Paterson, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. *Resident Anaesthetist:* C. Rainsford, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

Section of Medicine.—Tues., 5 p.m., Clinical Meeting in the Library of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, E.C.1.

Section of Comparative Medicine.—Wed., 5 p.m., Dr. Edgar Obermer: The Endocrinology of Tuberculosis.

Section of Balneology.—Wed., 5.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. L. C. E. Calthrop: The Scientific Basis of the Practice of Medical Hydrology. A Polychromide Film of the Solar Eclipse (1927) will be shown after the Presidential Address.

Sections of Disease in Children, Therapeutics, and Urology.—Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Special Discussion: The Treatment of Pyuria in Children. Openers: Dr. E. A. Cockayne, Mr. John Everidge, and Dr. E. H. Lepper.

Section of Disease in Children.—Fri., 4.30 p.m., Cases.

Section of Epidemiology.—Fri., 8 p.m., Dr. E. H. R. Harries: Immunity in the Making.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, W.C.2.—Thurs., 3 p.m., Huxley Lecture by Sir Archibald Garrod, K.C.M.G., M.D., F.R.C.P.: Recent Advances in Science in Relation to Medicine and Surgery.

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Captain Norman Parkes: A Case of Pathological Drunkenness as a Defence of Insanity at a Murder Trial. To be followed by a discussion.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2: Wed., 4.15 p.m., Clinical cases. Tea at 4 p.m.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Special Lecture at Medical Society, 11, Chandos Street, W.1, Mon., 5 p.m.: Practical Surgical Details; no fee. *Prince of Wales's General Hospital*, Tottenham, N.15: Wed., 2.30 p.m., Special Demonstration; no fee. *Queen's Hospital for Children*, Hackney Road, E.2: Thurs., 2 p.m., Special Demonstration; no fee. *Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital*, City Road, E.C.1: Thurs., 1 p.m., Special Clinical Demonstration; no fee. *Royal Waterloo Hospital*, Waterloo Road, S.E.: Post-graduate Course in Medicine, Surgery, and Gynaecology—second week; course occupies some mornings and every afternoon. *St. Peter's Hospital*, Henrietta Street, W.C.2: Special Course in Urology, every afternoon and evening. *West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases*, Welbeck Street, W.1: Lecture Demonstrations illustrated by cases daily at 5 p.m. for four weeks. All information, syllabuses, and tickets from the Secretary, Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Fri., 4 p.m., The Significance of Aural Pain.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Abdominal Enlargement.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Tues., 5 p.m., Leprosy. Thurs., 5 p.m., Tuberculosis Cutis.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Mon., 3.30 p.m., Diagnosis of Cerebral Tumours. Tues., 3.30 p.m., Disseminated Sclerosis. Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Myasthenia gravis. Fri., 3.30 p.m., Surgery of the Brain. Operations: Tues. and Fri., 9 a.m.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Mon., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics; Operations. Tues., 2 p.m., Special Demonstration of Surgical Cases; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; Operations. Wed., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics; Operations. Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Dental Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinics; Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; 2 p.m., Special Demonstration of Medical Cases; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Surgical, Medical, and Children's Diseases Clinics; Operations.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 37, Russell Square, W.C.1.—Wed., 4 p.m., Prevention of Heart Disease.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.7.—Intensive Course, Mon., 2.15 p.m., Epilepsies; 3.15 p.m., Tuberculosis of Genito-urinary Tract. Tues., 2.15 p.m., Demonstration of Surgical Cases; 3.15 p.m., Demonstration of X-Ray Methods. Wed., 2.15 p.m., Ringworm; 3.15 p.m., Acute Specific Fevers. Thurs., 2.15 p.m., Head Injuries; 3.15 p.m., Failed Forceps Cases. Fri., 2.15 p.m., Acute Ear Infections; 3.15 p.m., Demonstration of Surgical Cases.

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL, Endell Street, W.C.2.—Daily (except Sat.), Out-patients; (except Tues. and Sat.) Cystoscopic Examinations. Mon. and Fri., 9.30 a.m., Diseases of the Skin. Thurs., 4.30 p.m., Tumours of the Bladder. Operations: Mon., Wed., and Fri., 2 p.m.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.12.—Wed., 4 p.m., Clinical Demonstration of Medical Cases.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.6.—Mon., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Genito-urinary Operations, Skin Department, Surgical Wards; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Gynaecological and Eye Departments. Tues., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medical Ward Visit, Demonstrations in Venereal Diseases; 2 p.m., Medical Wards, Throat, Nose, and Ear Department; 4.30 p.m., Special Lecture: Cardiac Irregularities. Wed., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Children's Medical Out-patients, Medical Wards, Demonstration in Medical Pathology; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Eye Department. Thurs., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Neurological Department, Demonstration of Fractures; 2 p.m., Eye and Genito-urinary Departments, Gynaecological Ward; 4.30 p.m., Special Lecture: Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer. Fri., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Dental, Skin, and Electrical Departments; 2 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Department. Sat., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bacterial Therapy Department, Children's Medical Department. Daily: Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patients at 2 p.m.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Royal Maternity and Women's Hospital: Wed., 4.15 p.m., Obstetrical Cases.

JAMES MACKENZIE INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, St. Andrews.—Tues., 4 p.m., Surgical Aspects of Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE CLINICS.—At Royal Hospital: Fri., 3.30 p.m., Neurological Cases.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Thurs., 4.15 p.m., Common Affections of the Rectum. Tea at 3.45 p.m.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., Mechanism of Abdominal Pain. Fri., 4.15 p.m., Immunization against Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever.

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Diary of the Association.

NOVEMBER.

18 Fri. London: Lunacy Law and Administration Committee, 2.30 p.m.

20 Sun. Willesden Division: Annual Dinner, Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, S.W., 7 p.m.

21 Mon. Bournemouth Division: Alexandra Hall, St. Peter's Road, Bournemouth. Discussion on "Should Communications to a Medical Man be privileged in Legal Procedure?" 8 p.m.

22 Tues. London: Contract Practice Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
Lambeth and Southwark Division: Lambeth Carlton Club, Coldharbour Lane. Mr. E. P. Brockman on Disabilities of the Foot and Ankle, 9 p.m.
South-Western Branch: Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter. Dr. James Mennell on Bone-setting and Osteopathy, 3.15 p.m.

23 Wed. London: Puerperal Morbidity and Mortality Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Bradford Division: Annual Dinner.
Consett Division: Railway Hotel, Consett. Mr. J. S. Arkle on Commoner Diseases of the Eye and their Treatment, 7 p.m.
Croydon Division: Croydon General Hospital. Lecture Demonstration by Dr. F. Hernaman-Johnson on Treatment by Deep X-Ray Therapy, 4 p.m.
Fife Branch: Maternity Home, Townsend Crescent, Kirkcaldy. Mr. F. E. Jardine on Heliotherapy in Surgical Cases, 3.30 p.m.
Lanarkshire Division: St. Enoch Station Hotel. Dr. D. Dale Logan on Gas Poisoning in Collieries, 3.30 p.m.
Marylebone Division: B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1. Discussion on the Relation of Voluntary and Municipal Hospitals to Pending Legislation, 8.15 p.m.
North Northumberland Division: Infirmary, Berwick-on-Tweed. Professor Lovell Gulland on the Significance of Heart Murmurs, 2.45 p.m.
Oxford Division: Annual Meeting, Radcliffe Infirmary, 2.30 p.m.
Spa Practitioners' Group: Inaugural Meeting, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, 12.30 p.m.
Trowbridge Division: Annual Dinner, Angel Hotel, Chippenham. Mr. E. W. Groves will give an Address, 7.30 p.m.
Wandsworth Division: Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender Hill, 8.45 p.m.

24 Thurs. London: International Medical Sea Code Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Isle of Thanet Division: Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, Cliftonville. Dr. H. Warwick Brown on Nervous Exhaustion, 8.45 p.m.
Portsmouth Division: Clinical Meeting, Royal Portsmouth Hospital, 3 to 5 p.m.
South-West Essex Division: Reception and Dance, Town Hall, Leyton.
Staffordshire Branch: North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, 3.30 p.m.
Swansea Division: General Hospital, Swansea. Discussion on Acute Intestinal Obstruction, 8.15 p.m.
Westminster and Holborn Division: Romano's Restaurant, Strand, W.C. Discussion on "Is it Desirable that each Member of the Community should have an Annual Medical Overhaul?" 8.15 p.m. Dinner, 7.30.

25 Fri. London: Dominions Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Bishop Auckland Division: Cottage Hospital, Bishop Auckland. Dr. D. Wells Patterson on the Earliest Signs of Disease, 8 p.m.
Rotherham Division: Annual Dinner, Crown Hotel, Rotherham, 7.30 p.m.
Southport Division: 52, Hoghton Street, 8.15 p.m.
Tyneside Division: Clinical Evening, Tynemouth Victoria Jubilee Infirmary. Dr. J. C. Spence on Recent Advances in Medical Treatment, 8 p.m.

29 Tues. London: Naval and Military Committee, 2.30 p.m.
London: Psycho-Analysis Committee, 8.15 p.m.
Dundee Branch: Medical School, Dundee. Dr. A. A. Macklin on a Polar Expedition, 8.30 p.m.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH.

RAE.—At 18, Walker Street, Edinburgh, on November 8th, to Dr. Elizabeth Rae (*née* Harper), wife of Dr. Wilson Rae, West African Medical Service, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LANCASTER—COOK—On November 11th, at Birmingham, John Shields Lancaster, F.C.I.S., of King's Norton, to Gladys Hope Cook, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., daughter of the late John Macfarlane Cook, C.A., and Mrs. Cook, 45, Merchiston Crescent, Edinburgh.

LOUGHNANE—KEATINGE.—On October 29th at the Brompton Oratory, Farquhar MacGillivray Loughnane, F.R.C.S., 37, Welbeck Street, to Bianca Keatinge, 33, Nottingham Place, W.

SAVEGE—MACKINTOSH.—On November 7th, in Cairo, by the Rev. S. B. Pelling, M.A., C.F., James Maxwell Savege, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Captain, Royal Army Medical Corps, third son of the late James Savege, M.D., and Mrs. Savege, Hull, to Winifred, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Mackintosh, 17, Golden Square, Aberdeen, and "Edenholme," Stonehaven, N.B.

THORNTON—YATES.—On November 7th, at Richmond Hill Congregational Church, Bournemouth, G. Kennedy Thornton, M.B.Camb., to Muriel M. Yates, M.B., B.S.Lond.

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